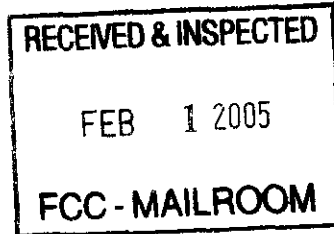


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201 E. Fourth St.
P.O. Box 2301
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-2301

January 28, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street S.W.; TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED
Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone for Authority
to Discontinue Interstate Electronic Listing Information (ELIsm) Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached are an original and six copies of Cincinnati Bell Telephone's (CBT's) application for authority to discontinue interstate Electronic Listing Information (ELIsm) Service in the states where CBT currently provides ELIsm Service – Florida, Georgia, and Illinois. The proposed discontinuance date of Electronic Listing Information (ELIsm) Service is March 22, 2005. CBT respectfully requests expedited treatment of this application, including release of public notice of this application not later than February 4, 2005.

Please date-stamp and return the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter as acknowledgement of its receipt. Any questions should be directed to Evelyn King at Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, Room 102-890, 201 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, FAX number (513) 421-1367, e-mail evelyn.king@cinbell.com or by calling (513) 397-1378.

Sincerely,

Gary Peddicord
Director – Operations and
Regulatory
Cincinnati Bell Telephone

Enclosure

cc: Rodney L. MacDonald (FCC)(via e-mail)

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| Section 63.71 Application of |) | |
| |) | WCB Docket No. 05-_____ |
| Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company |) | |
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| For Authority to Discontinue |) | |
| Certain Service in the States of Florida, |) | |
| Georgia, and Illinois |) | |

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ("CBT") hereby files this Application to discontinue ELISM Service in the States of Florida, Georgia, and Illinois pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214. In support of this Application, CBT submits the following information:

1. Applicant's name and address

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company
201 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

2. Anticipated date of planned service discontinuance

The proposed discontinuance date of Electronic Listing Information (ELISM) Service is March 1, 2005.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

The proposed discontinuance of ELISM Service will affect customers in Florida, Georgia, and Illinois.

4. Brief description of the type of service affected

ELISM Service allows direct on-line electronic access via dial-up to CBT's customer listing database without the assistance of an operator. Upon Commission approval, CBT proposes to discontinue ELISM Service effective March 22, 2005.

CBT currently offers a new improved service, Internet Directory Assistance Service, which provides the same functionality as ELIsm Service. Internet Directory Assistance Service also allows direct on-line electronic access to CBT's customer listing database without the assistance of an operator, however, the medium is via **internet** not dial-up.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers.

CBT provided written notice to its affected customers by letter dated January 28, 2005 in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's Rules. A copy of the customer notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A..

6. Non-dominance of the carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued.

CBT is non-dominant with respect to the ELIsm Service it proposes to discontinue.

7. Notice Requirements – Utility Commissions, Governors and Secretary of Defense

In accordance with Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's rules, on January 28, 2005, CBT has mailed a copy of this application to the appropriate Public Service Commissions and Governors of the States in which ELIsm Service customers are located, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense.

8. Circumstances of Discontinuance

CBT proposes to discontinue ELIsm Service because there are provisioning issues associated with this service in terms of reliability and customer billing. In addition, there is very limited customer demand for this service.

CBT believes the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. CBT will take all reasonable steps, to the extent it is able, to ensure that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. For the foregoing reasons, CBT respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 214 (a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214 (a) and Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 applications to discontinue the provisions of above-described service in the States of Florida, Georgia, and Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Reddicord
Director – Operations and Regulatory
Cincinnati Bell Telephone

Dated: January 28, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone was served this 28th day of January, 2005, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage paid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.


Evelyn King

Governor Jeb Bush
Executive Office of the Governor
400 S. Monroe Street
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Governor Sonny Perdue
Office of the Governor
Georgia State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta GA, 30334

Governor Rod Blagojevich
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL. 62701

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit A

January 28, 2005

Dear Customer:

Our records indicate that you have used, or are currently using, Cincinnati Bell Telephone's (CBT's) Electronic Listing Information (ELIsm) service. We thank you for your business with CBT and hope this service has served you well over the years.

We regret to inform you that as of March 22, 2005, CBT will no longer be offering ELIsm Service. Only the ELIsm Service will be discontinued; any other services that we are providing you will remain unchanged.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We also have some exciting news! Cincinnati Bell now offers "**Internet Directory Assistance**" - a new and improved service providing the same functionality as ELIsm Service. "**Internet Directory Assistance**" will allow customers to access directory assistance information from any standard Internet connection.

- **It's accurate!** - Cincinnati Bell's Internet Directory Assistance allows you to search a comprehensive national database that is updated regularly.
- **It's powerful!** - Cincinnati Bell's Internet Directory Assistance allows you to search directory listings many different ways: by residential information, by business category, by number, etc.
- **It's affordable!** - Cincinnati Bells' Internet Directory Assistance allows you to search the database, and just pay for those listed numbers you "unmask" or uncover.

If **Internet Directory Assistance** sounds like a service you might be interested in, please contact me at 513-397-1866 today.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Scot Neisel
Senior Product Manager
Market and Product Strategy